

Hartlepool Local Authority Area: Designated Sites

Statutory designated sites (National)	Site Name	Reason for Designation	Site Grid Reference
Special Protection Area (SPA)	Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast	Non-breeding populations of red knot, common redshank and sandwich tern and a breeding population of little tern. Also designated for water bird assemblage.	NZ 561 267 *
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	Teesmouth	Covers two areas: North Gare, an area of dunes and grazing marsh north of the power station, and Seal Sands, one of the largest areas of intertidal mudflats on England's north-east coast	NZ 529 259 *
Ramsar site (Wetland of international importance)	Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast	Populations of common redshank and red knot occurring at levels of international importance; assemblages of waterfowl of international importance with peak counts in winter.	NZ 561 267 *
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Tees and Hartlepool foreshore and wetlands	Comprises several coastal areas which are an integral part of the complex of wetlands, estuarine and maritime sites supporting the internationally important population of wildfowl and waders on the Tees Estuary.	NZ 496 363 (NW) to NZ 532 335 (SE); NZ 519 328; NZ 510 255 (SW) to NZ 522 265 (NW) **
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Cowpen Marsh	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes', a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It includes the largest saltmarsh between Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south.	NZ 506 254 *
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Seal Sands	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes', a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It is the only extensive area of intertidal mudflats, with tidal channels on the East coast of England between the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south.	NZ 526 255 *



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Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Seaton Dunes and Common	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes'. It is an area of considerable importance for its flora, invertebrate fauna, and bird life. The range of habitats present include sandy, muddy and rocky foreshore, dunes, dune slacks and dune grassland, as well as relict saltmarsh, grazed freshwater marsh with dykes (known locally as fleets and stells) pools and seawalls.	NZ 535 282
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Hart Bog	A small topogenous mire of particular botanical, invertebrate and palaeobotanical interest	NZ 452 354
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Hartlepool Submerged Forest	Of national importance in the Flandrian Sea-Level Changes block of the Geological Conservation Review	NZ 521 313
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Durham Coast	Contains most of the paramaritime Magnesian Limestone vegetation in Britain, as well as a species-rich dune system, and supports nationally-important numbers of wintering shore birds and breeding little terns, which contribute to the internationally-important populations of the north east coast	NZ 402 646 *

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LWS	Hartlepool Power Station	A5 (Common Lizard)	NZ 52573 27551
LWS	Black Wood Marsh	E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 43687 29992
LWS	Hart Warren Railway Embankment	G1 (Neutral Grasslands); C2 (Coastal Grasslands)	NZ 49409 35743
LWS	Hart-Haswell Walkway	I3 (15 or more Butterflies); G1 (Neutral Grasslands); G2 (Calcareous Grasslands)	NZ 47546 36702
LWS	Pawton Hill Gill	G1 (Neutral Grasslands); E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 43370 32067
LWS	Beacon Hill Marsh	E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 44147 32569
LWS	Crookfoot Reservoir	Water Body	NZ 43232 31241
LWS	Amerston Gill	W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland)	NZ 42637 30524
LWS	Thorpe Bulmer Dene (inc. W Crimdon Dene)	W1 (Ancient Woodland)	NZ 45940 36365
LWS	Greenabella Marsh (1)	M4 (Water Vole); A5 (Common Lizard)	NZ51829 26481
LWS	Greenabella Marsh (2)	M4 (Water Vole); A5 (Common Lizard)	NZ51170 25879

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LWS	Close Wood Complex	W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland); O3 (Breeding/Wintering Birds); I2 (Important Butterflies)	NZ 42485 28213
LWS	North Burn Marsh	E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 44438 27785
LWS	The Howls	W1 (Ancient Woodland)	NZ 46243 31665
LWS	West Harbour (inc. Carr House Sands)	O1 (Wintering Populations of Birds)	NZ 51916 32947
LWS	Carr House Sands (inc. West Harbour)	O1 (Wintering Populations of Birds)	NZ 52546 31150
LWS	West Carr Plantation	Wet Woodland	NZ 40231 27943
LWS	Greatham Creek North Bank	C1 (Saltmarsh)	NZ51307 25525
LWS	Crimdon Road Verge	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 47917 36622
LWS	Tilery Gill Grassland	E1 (Fens, Flushes); G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 46046 33417
LWS	Phillips Tank Farm	U1 (Urban Grassland); A1 (Great Crested Newt); I2 (Important Butterflies); M4 (Water Vole)	NZ50745 26676
LWS	The Slake	C1 (Saltmarsh)	NZ 51419 34162
LWS	Bellows Burn Fen	E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 45029 35402
LWS	Greatham Beck	M4 (Water Vole)	NZ 48602 28685
LWS	Elwick Hall Grassland/Fishpond	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 45134 32307
LWS	Hart Quarry	O3 (Breeding/Wintering Birds)	NZ 47600 34336
LWS	Brierton Quarry	Possible G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 47891 30149
LWS	Greatham North West (previously Sharwoods Bri and Ex)	C1 (Saltmarsh)	NZ50753 25906, NZ50441 26080
LWS	Gunnersvale Marsh	E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 44266 29404
LWS	Tot Fenny's Field	G1 (Neutral Grasslands), E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 48073 25923
LWS	Queen's Meadow	A4 (3 or more Amphibians)	NZ 50084 27979
LWS	Rossmere Park Island	O3 (Breeding/Wintering Birds)	NZ 50204 29898
LWS	Autoglass/Corus	A1 (Great Crested Newt); U1 (Urban Grassland)	NZ 51084 28272
LWS	Zinc Works Field	O1 (Wintering Populations of Birds); O3 (Breeding/Wintering Birds)	NZ53414 27032
LWS	Spion Kop Cemetery	C2 (Coastal Grasslands)	NZ 51101 34967
LWS	Hart Bypass North	G2 (Calcareous Grasslands)	NZ 46987 34731
LWS	Hart Bypass South	G2 (Calcareous Grasslands)	NZ 47023 34717
LWS	Hartville Meadow	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 48241 36232
LWS	Craddon Bank	G1 (Neutral Grasslands); E1 (Fens, Flushes)	NZ 46235 32674



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LWS	Elwick Hall extension		NZ 45258 32340
LWS	High Stotfold Gill	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 44805 30317
LWS	High Newton Hanzard	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 42489 27374
LWS	North Hartlepool Dunes	C2 (Coastal Grasslands)	NZ 49710 35967
LWS	Char Beck Grassland	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 45778 31981
LWS	Butts Lane	M3 (Harvest Mouse)	NZ 45254 35276
LWS	Summerhill	Urban mosaic of hay meadows, hedgerows, ponds and planted trees	NZ 486 312
LWS	Central Park Embankment	U1 (Urban Grassland)	NZ 51540 34618
LWS	West Crimdon Dene (part of Thorpe Bulmer Dene)	W1 (Ancient Woodland)	NZ 47398 36993
LWS & LGS	Naisberry Quarry	G1 (Neutral Grasslands)	NZ 47682 33235
LWS & LGS	Whelly Hill Quarry	U2 (Disused Quarries)	NZ 44845 34043
LGS	Long Scar & Little Scar	Two exposures of wave-washed scars consisting of Sherwood sandstone, from the Triassic period.	NZ 52804 31153
LGS	Hartlepool Headland	A wave washed platform, revealing exposures of Magnesian Limestone in a coastal zone environment	NZ 52703 34321
LGS	Dalton Batts	A large river cliff that reveals an excellent exposure of glacial sands, gravels and clay from the last glaciation	NZ 46948 30745
LGS	West Crimdon Dene	Exposure of Magnesian Limestone in a river gorge environment	NZ 47338 37058
LNR	Hart to Haswell Walkway	Former railway line with a rich mix of Magnesian limestone grassland, ponds, semi-mature and mature woodland.	NZ 477 365
LNR	Hart Warren	The only magnesium limestone dune system of any significance in the British Isles; supports a rich variety of both flora and fauna.	NZ 492 363
LNR	Spion Kop Cemetery	An unusual mix of coastal, limestone and industrial heritage habitats that produces rich dune grassland unique in Hartlepool and rare within the Tees Valley.	NZ 510 349
LNR	Summerhill	This site combines recreation and conservation. The site has hay meadows, hedgerows, ponds and over 65,000 trees which have been planted over the last 8 years.	NZ 485 314
LNR	Greatham Beck	A small site providing a haven and wildlife corridor for many species including the Water Vole.	NZ 487 285

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LNR	Seaton Dunes and Common SSSI	Seaton Common is a wet grassland which attracts large numbers of passage migrants over winter and is a breeding ground for birds in the summer months. Seaton Dunes is the largest sand dune system between Lindisfarne to the north and the Humber to the south.	NZ52757 28555

Other non-statutory designated sites	Site Name	Reason for Designation	
Important Bird Area (IBA)	Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast	Passage of common redshank; winter population of red knot; breeding population of little tern; winter population water birds	NZ549 267 *
RSPB Reserve	Saltholme	Managed reserve and visitor centre	NZ555 267 *

^{*} Only part of the site is within the borough of Hartlepool; grid reference refers to the whole site



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